



The Christ Church History and Archives committee has been formed to collect, document and preserve our material and social history. It encourages the participation of all parishioners.

“Griddlers and Fiddlers”. The Stampede Breakfast and Outdoor service.

Christ Church’s Stampede breakfast has been around since at least the 80’s. Held the first Sunday of the Stampede, from 8:30-10:30 on the lawn beside 8th Street, it has been followed by an outdoor Eucharist, weather permitting, on the area of the labyrinth. Since the rummage sale ended in 2015, this is the largest annual event that brings the parish together with its neighbors.

The event begins with a Stampede Breakfast, served from 8:45 to 10.15am. On the three rented griddles, and with other parish-owned kitchen equipment, volunteers manage a great menu. In 2018 this included enough pancakes to merit ten pounds of blueberry compote, six hundred pork sausages, six to nine watermelons, two large urns of coffee, and more than enough whipped cream, butter, syrup milk and juice. The pancake batter and syrup have been donated by John Tyrell, an ex-warden and a volunteer with the Stampede, as long as Richard Mc Cowan one of the event leaders starting in 2007, and Russell Barnes who joined Richard in 2012, can remember.

Entertainment has been an increasingly important part of the event. Since 2016, the Calgary Fiddlers, a celebrated group of young fiddlers created in 1982, have provided some great “fiddlin’”. Margie Newman has been the inspiration behind this. Since 2017, Doris Daley, an entertainer renowned across North America, began to share her cowboy poetry during the service. She was raised on the family ranch in Southern Alberta, close to the Blood and Pikaniai reserves. In 2018, she included poems about the thrill of the Indian drums, the idea of spreading Christmas Joy all year-round, Dale Evans, and the Meadowlark. In 2018 the Rev. Brandon Witwer, assisted by the Rev. Mac Jones and Rev. Bob Pynn, officiated at the service, which included the baptism of Hazel Bee Kis,

Our Stampede Breakfasts have attracted approximately 225 in 2017 and over 300 in 2018. One third are non-parishioners. The event cannot happen without the hard work of many volunteers. In 2018, they included: Russell Barnes and Jeff Reyes, Richard & Susan McCowan, Margie Wylie, Lloyd & Trudy Wilson, Effie Galway, Margaret Gale, Jocelyn Peeling, Claire Oh, Alicia Hampshire, Meredith Cashion, John & Nancy Burns, Warren & Dorothy Bartnes, Bill Aiken (tent), Dennis Laughton (altar), Kitty Holst (setup), Mac Jones (setup) and Ellen Go (dishes). Their incredible effort and the generosity of donors has meant that the event is self-supporting. It has received enough donations every year to cover the following year's BBQ costs, which is about \$800.

Parishioners are invited to contact John Mendham (jhmendham@telus.net) or other committee members, if they would like a copy of a longer historical article on this subject, or if they have oral or tangible records they would like to donate. Over/...



The fare



Vintage Car rally 2012.



Calgary Fiddlers



The crowd.

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RECTORS:

Horne 1913 -1929
Luxton 1930 - 1933
Kemp 1933 - 1944
Crump 1944 - 1960
Dowker 1960-1966

Tatchell 1966 - 1980
Curtis 1980 - 1983
O'Driscoll 1984 - 1992
Pike 1993 - 2003

Tucker 2005 - 15
Pickett 2016 -